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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

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2. (amended) Magnetic resonance imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of said first and second plate members and said support-post members includes a plurality of segments of different shapes and said segments are combined in a pattern to match lines of magnetic induction generated by said first and second magnetic devices.

Please rewrite claims 5-8 in independent form as follows:

A2
5. (amended) Magnetic resonance imaging apparatus comprising: